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Attorney Docket No. 4173.0348

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIDEAKI FUKUZAWA ET AL.) Notice of Allowance Dated: 2/9/06
Application No.: 08/940,020) Group Art Unit: 2652
Filed: September 29, 1997) Examiner: D. Davis
For: MAGNETORESISTANCE)
EFFECT DEVICE HAVING HARD)
MAGNETIC FILM STRUCTURAL)
BODY)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REQUEST FOR INITIALED FORM PTO 1449

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed in this application on May 24, 2004. In reviewing our file, we find that we have not received from your Office a copy of the Form PTO-1449 which would serve as acknowledgment of receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement and as an indication that the references were considered by the examiner.

Copies of the Information Disclosure Statement, the Information Disclosure Citation on Form PTO-1449, and the postcard that was filed with the Information Disclosure Statement and was stamped by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to indicate receipt of the papers, are attached.

The Examiner is respectfully requested either to send us a duplicate of the copy of the Form PTO-1449 or issue a Supplemental Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37) which both acknowledges receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement and the Information Disclosure Citation, and indicates that the references were considered by the Examiner.

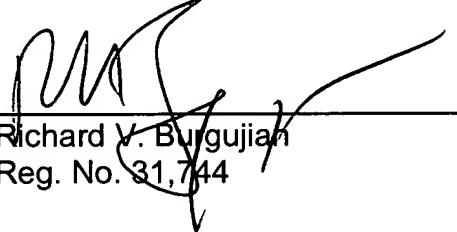
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Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: 3/5/06

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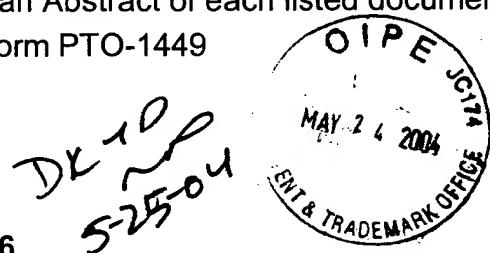
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STRUCTURAL BODY

1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) (3 pages);
2. Form PTO-1449 (1 page);
3. Copy of a Japanese Patent Office communication and the documents listed therein; including any copending application;
4. An English translation of the communication and an Abstract of each listed document
5. Translation of portions of 2 documents listed in Form PTO-1449

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) filed on November 4, 2003 and April 7, 1999, Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449.

This IDS is being filed before a Final Action, Notice of Allowance, or Quayle Action.

Each of the documents listed in this IDS was first cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application, and this IDS is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

Copies of the communication from the Japanese Patent Office in the counterpart patent application and the documents listed therein, including any copending patent

applications, are attached. An English translation of the communication and an Abstract of each listed document are also enclosed. English translations of portions of Japanese Published Patent Application Nos. 08-083418 and 08-115519, which are listed in this IDS, are also attached.

Further, supplemental to the IDS filed on November 4, 2003, which cited Japanese Published Patent Application No. 04-153910 and provided a statement of relevancy thereof, Applicants submit an English translation of a portion of that Application.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

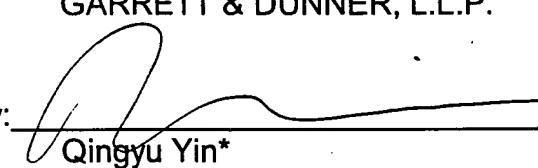
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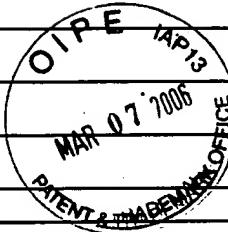


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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	Document Number	Publication Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation Yes or No
	08-083418	03/26/96	Japan			Abstract
	08-115519	05/07/96	Japan			Abstract
	07-029142	01/31/95	Japan			Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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